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## **Ireland – Sale of Javelin Anti-Tank Missiles**

On 23 October, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Ireland of Javelin anti-tank missiles and associated equipment and services.

The Government of Ireland has requested a possible sale of 60 Javelin command launch units, 100 Javelin missile rounds, simulators, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, personnel training and equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, a Quality Assurance Team, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$26 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Ireland while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Ireland desires this missile system to fulfill their commitments for participation in peacekeeping operation throughout the world, including the United Nations Stand-by Arrangement System. An improved anti-armor capability is required for these missions. The Javelin will replace the French MILAN anti-tank missile. Ireland will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Javelin Joint Venture (Raytheon and Lockheed Martin) of Orlando, Florida. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of an U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team or two U.S. Government and one contractor representative to Ireland for one week to assist in the delivery and deployment of the missiles. Two contractor representatives will be required in-country for two years to perform maintenance services.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.